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WORK BEGINS ON LATEST UNIVERSITY INITIATIVE

INNOVATION CUBE AIMS TO BE 'FLAGSHIP FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE'

A ground-breaking ceremony has been held to mark the start of work on the University of Northampton's new £8.5 million centre, known as the 'innovation cube'.

The centre, in St James, will house up to 55 small businesses, each with access to support from the university in "developing their business in a socially responsible manner".

It is one of three major university projects within the town's enterprise zone, alongside the proposed £330 million campus, and the halls of residence at St John's.

Terry Neville, chief operating officer at the university, said: "The centre will be a flagship for the social enterprise sector and will specialise in business support.

"Encouraging enterprise and entrepreneurship is crucial to the university and significantly enhances the experience and employabil-

ity prospects we offer to our students."

University of Northampton vice-chancellor Nick Petford added: "This will be the second university building in the enterprise zone, joining the halls of residence, which open early next year. We see ourselves as a catalyst for development in Northampton and beyond.

The university is delivering the project along with the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation, with Northamptonshire-based Kier Construction appointed as the main contractor.

Graham Howe, managing director of Kier, said: "There is a huge amount of investment going into Northampton and we are very pleased to be associated with it.

"We have nearly completed the new bus terminus and are well on the way towards completing the new student accommodation at St John's."



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Expansion of Sixfields due to start this season

Work to expand the Sixfields football stadium could start sooner than expected, with builders due on site this season.

After years of delays, Northampton Town Football Club was given planning permission to expand Sixfields by Northampton Borough Council this week.

The move will see the ground's east stand redeveloped to include 10 corporate boxes, a directors' box, a conference room and a gym.

The capacity of Sixfields will also be taken up from 7,653 to 10,000.

And club chairman, David Cardoza, said work could start before the current football season had ended.

He said: "Things are already moving forward quickly and it's possible we'll be building the roof and part of the structure of the new east stand during the season and then finishing it off in the close season.

"The new hotel is going to take a little bit longer, but hopefully we'll put a planning application in for that in the next month or so.

"Our plans are also to give the west stand an overhaul and to put new seating into the north and south stands. So Sixfields will soon look very different."

The expansion is the first



David Cardoza and David Mackintosh with the plans for Sixfields

stage of a multi-million pound redevelopment of Sixfields.

Additional planning applications are expected in the future for houses and shops, as well as the hotel.

Welcoming progress, the leader of the council, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con,

Rectory Farm) said: "This is a fantastic step forward for Northampton. It will allow the football club to redevelop and provide a first class stadium."

The expanded east stand will cover part of the athletics track which sits next to the

stadium.

As part of the development, new athletics facilities will be created in Moulton.

The stadium development has been made possible by a £12 million loan from the borough council, which was agreed in July.

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A new poll has put raking leaves as the most hated gardening chore!

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To prevent injuring your back while raking:

- * Dress warmly and comfortably.
- * Warm up, as you would for any exercise.
- * Switch sides every few minutes to distribute the workload across your body, avoiding fatigue or strain on one side of your body.
- * Don't rotate the body while raking, as this can aggravate the back and bring on low back pain. Instead, face your leaves and rake towards you.
- * Don't over-reach because this may cause more stress on your lower back muscles. Instead move closer to the leaves and use short movements.
- * Keep your upper arms close to your body.



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Savile inquiry led to

Recent high-profile child abuse investigations into people such as Jimmy Savile and Stuart Hall has led to a rise in the reporting of historic sexual offence in Northamptonshire, a detective chief inspector has said.

Northamptonshire Police has organised a week of action to encourage victims of violence and sexual assault to come forward and report offences and get the specialist support they need.

Speaking to the *Chronicle & Echo*, DCI Steve Lingley, who works in the Protecting Vulnerable Persons department, said there had been a five per cent rise in the number of historic sex abuse cases reported in Northamptonshire.

He said: "There have been a lot more cases reported of historic sexual abuse claims since the publicity around Jimmy Savile."

"Every police force in the country has noticed an increase in reporting of the victim's know their claims will be dealt with thoroughly."

During this week, the mobile police station has visited various locations across the



county to encourage people to drop in for help and support or to report a crime.

Representatives from partner agencies Serenity, the Sexual Assault Referral Centre, have also been on hand to offer dedicated advice and assistance, along with Women's Aid

and the Northamptonshire Rape and Incest Crisis Centre.

DCI Lingley said the number of domestic abuse cases had risen in the past year but he believed this was due to increased reporting of offences.

He said: "The psychology of domestic abuse victims is often very complex and we need to raise awareness of the welfare, counselling and support that can be offered to victim's who are prepared to come forward."

"Violence, rape and sexual assault have a massive impact on the victim and it is vital that they know where to find help and support."

"I'd also like to reassure them that we will thoroughly investigate each and every offence and put all our efforts into ensuring justice is done."

"Unfortunately this type of crime affects children too. Protecting and safeguarding children is vital and I urge anybody with concerns to come forward."

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DCI Steve Lingley says there has been an increase in reports of sex abuse cases

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Managing Director Trevor Skidmore feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although

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£1.4m for water works

A £1.4 million scheme to replace more than 12km of water mains in the East Haddon and Whilton areas of Northamptonshire gets under way next week.

Anglian Water is spending nine months replacing the pipes in Great Brington, Little Brington and Nobottle where the existing older pipes have started to suffer from bursts and leaks, which can affect customers' supplies.

Work starts on Monday, December 2.

Antony Innes, from Anglian Water, said: "This is a significant investment to help protect the water supply for customers.

"By replacing the older cast iron water mains with more modern plastic materials, we will reduce the likelihood of problems affecting homes and businesses in these areas.

"Obviously a 40-week project like this will cause some disruption and we're sorry about that. But we hope customers in these areas will understand what we're doing is designed to make things better in the long run and will reduce the chances of problems."



Staff from Anglian Water will start repairing old and leaky pipes in the East Haddon and Whilton areas of the county as part of a £1.4 million scheme

Anglian Water said there would be some instances where roads would need to be closed because of the work.

Diversions and closures will be clearly signposted when these are needed.

The affected roads are Lodge Lane, between the B5385 and Brington Road; Whilton Road and Brington Lane; Main Street and Back Lane in Great Brington; and Hall Lane, Steeple Lane, Blacksmith's Lane and Main

Street, in Little Brington.

Mr Innes said: "Where possible we will be using techniques which don't need long stretches of road to be closed and doing what we can to keep disruption to a minimum."

A drop-in session for residents to speak to project engineers about the work, and how they might be affected, will be held at The Reading Room in Great Brington on Tuesday, December 3, from 3pm-5pm, and from 6pm-8pm.

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Jelson's toy appeal needs you!

East-Midlands-based Jelson Homes has, this week, launched its first ever toy appeal designed to brighten up Christmas for poorly children who will be spending the festive period in Kettering General Hospital.

The leading local housebuilder is urging families across the region to support the appeal and help put smiles on the faces of the youngsters by donating brand-new toys* and games for those between 0-16 years of age.

Items such as toy cars, action figures, dolls, books, games, rattles, building blocks as well as plastic instruments, toy tills, dolls houses and shape sorters, are all welcome and will make ideal gifts for the children to open on Christmas Day.

Graham Jelley, sales director for Jelson Homes, said: "As a family business we take our responsibility to local communities very seriously. The toy appeal is our latest initiative designed to give something back; we hope we can bring the

children some Christmas cheer and help to make their day special by handing over a super selection of toys and games.

"To put a smile on the face of a child, while in hospital, will be absolutely amazing and that is what our toy appeal is all about.

"We would like to urge everyone to please get behind our initiative and donate something, no matter how small. Everything will help and I'm sure will give children feeling unwell a Christmas to remember."

Toys can be placed within dedicated boxes at most Jelson developments, from now until 15 December, including: Carisbrooke Grange, off Pipewell Road, Hawfinch Green, Desborough, NN14 2GJ,

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The gifts will then be delivered to Kettering General Hospital by Jelson staff.

Homes for sale at Carisbrooke Grange include three- and four-bedroom detached family homes, ranging from £194,950-£289,950. Those looking to be closer to Corby will be pleased to learn that just one four-bedroom detached home now remains at Vale Meadows for £204,050, with Help to Buy† also available at both developments (please note there is no facility for toy donations at Vale Meadows; please call this development before visiting).

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You want to spread festive cheer. We can do it, together.



Together, you and Jelson Homes can make it a happier Christmas for children spending the festive season in hospital.

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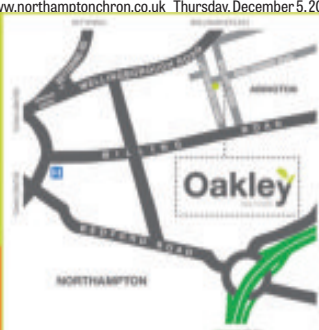
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Four decades behind bar for family killer

Quadruple murderer Anxiang Du will spend the next four decades behind bars after he was sentenced at Northampton Crown Court.

Du, aged 54, was sentenced to life with a minimum term of 40 years.

He was sentenced by High Court Judge Mr Justice Flaux after last week being convicted of the murders of the Ding family at their home in Pioneer Close, Simpson Manor, on April 29, 2011.

Du showed no emotion as he was led away from the dock.

Passing sentence, the judge said Du had "killed an entire family in cold blood", during a frenzied attack of "savage butchery".

He said: "I'm quite satisfied that hatred and anger and your desire for revenge was what motivated you to act as you did on April 29, not the moderate depression you suffered."

Taking the murder of Mr Ding first, he said: "Jeff Ding was minding his own business at his own home on a sunny bank holiday weekend when you launched a frenzied attack on him with a knife, stabbing him 23 times."

On the murder of Mr Ding's wife, Helen, the judge told Du: "The truth is you killed her for the same reason you attacked Jeff Ding. It was a pre-planned attack of revenge."

After murdering the two parents, Du went upstairs where he killed their daughters, Xing (Nancy), aged 18, and Alice, aged 12.

He said: "Not content with the slaughter of the parents downstairs, you then went upstairs to the back bedroom where the two young Ding girls were cowering... within



Anxiang Du has been jailed for 40 years for murdering the Ding family

a short period of time you had also murdered those poor defenceless girls."

Summing up, he said Du put a "significant degree of planning" into the murders and carried them out with "ruthless efficiency".

Mr Justice Flaux added: "The psychological and emotional impact of the destruction of the entire Ding family, upon Jifeng and Helen Ding's parents and the rest of their families, has been truly devastating."

The judge explained why he did not give Du a "whole life" sentence, meaning he would never be released.

He said: "I have considered carefully and anxiously whether the sentence should be a whole life order.

"However, ultimately, I have decided that is not the appropriate order for two separate reasons."

The first, he said, was that although "the gravity of this offence is exceptionally high, it did not meet the requirements for a whole life order, which are "reserved for the few exceptionally serious offences".

He also accepted that the passing of a whole life sentence "within the current legislative framework, which gives no right of review of such a sentence, is in breach of Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights".

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Man, 81, victim of 'cowardly' attack in his own home

A spate of violent robberies targeting elderly people in Northampton has prompted calls from a borough councillor for more police on the streets.

Councillor Winston Strachan (*Lab, Castle*) has spoken out following a "cowardly" attack on an 81-year-old man who was pushed to the floor by two thieves who burst into his house before rooting through his trouser pockets and ransacking his home.

The incident happened on Tuesday.

Earlier this month, Northamptonshire Police announced it had increased patrols in the Dallington, Spencer and Briar Hill areas of the town after five robberies by two men which also

place after the victims, aged between 63 and 87, answered their doors.

The latest robbery, in Fort Place, Spring Boroughs, happened at 8am on Tuesday and the victim was left with heavy bruising to his wrists and arms after the robbers dragged him into his lounge, stole money from a cash tin, and grabbed his wallet from his pocket, almost ripping his trousers from him in the process and leaving them in tatters.

Councillor Strachan said: "It is very worrying for the older generation. I know the police are doing a lot of undercover work, but I would like to see more visual policing.

"A robbery like this can be very traumatic for someone aged 81 years old and I

hope the victim in this case manages to recover quickly."

A spokesman for Northamptonshire Police said the robbery was a "nasty and cowardly attack" and have appealed for anyone who may have seen two men acting suspiciously or any suspicious vehicles in or around the Scarletwell Street area of Northampton during the early hours of Tuesday to come forward. The only description the police have of the two robbers is that they both wore dark scarves over their faces.

Northampton Borough Councillor Danielle Stone (*Lab, Castle*) said she believed it had been a mistake to reduce the amount of neighbourhood wardens.

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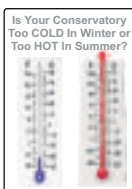
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Calls for 'legal high' ban

A father has called for a ban on 'legal highs' after his teenage son was one of five people in Northampton to be rushed into hospital in a life-threatening condition in the past month.

The man from Northampton, who did not wish to be named, said his 18-year-old son had bought a legal high from a shop in the town centre for the first time last Thursday and gone to the top of the Grosvenor Shopping Centre car park to smoke it.

A short time after he started smoking, the teenager then began fitting violently and was found by a member of security staff, who called 999.

The father said: "He was hitting his head against the floor and rolling around."

"He had to be held down so the paramedics could clear his airways which were blocked because he had been sick."

The teenager was taken to Northampton General Hospital and was kept in overnight.

His father said: "My son said he was conscious throughout the time he was fitting and



BAN CALL A parent of a teenager who had a reaction after smoking a 'legal high' has called for them to be banned

the pain he was in was unbearable.

"Shops should not be able to sell this stuff. It can only be a matter of time before someone

dies."

The *Chronicle & Echo* was also contacted this week by a father of a teenager who ended up in hospital after taking a le-

gal high last Friday.

Three men collapsed outside a nightclub in Northampton town centre on November 16 after talking legal highs.

MP says legal highs are often deadly

■ A Northampton MP has said a recent change in the law could lead to 'legal highs' being criminalised more quickly.

■ Conservative MP for Northampton North Michael Ellis, who sits on the Home Affairs Select Committee, said new 'ministerial orders' could be used to ban certain legal highs in the interim period before new drugs legislation was drafted.

■ Mr Ellis said: "I have heard evidence from a bereaved mother whose son died after taking a legal high."

■ "These drugs can be, and often are, deadly. We are working on making it easier to ban legal highs. It is difficult as the manufacturers get round the law by changing a small ingredient once a substance has been banned."

■ "We are going to start using ministerial orders to ban these legal highs more quickly before backing up with further legislation."

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Marks & Spencer have experienced such a surge in demand for Christmas food at one of their Northampton stores, they have revealed festive expansion plans.

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Documents submitted to Northampton Borough Council by Marks & Spencer said: "The container is required to increase the storage capacity at our store over the Christmas peak trading period.

"During this time, Marks & Spencer experience very high



Marks & Spencer opened in Sixfields in July this year.

levels of demand for goods and therefore turn over a higher level of stock than at other times of the year.

"The additional storage space reduces the risk of the store running out of stock

and consequently improves consumer satisfaction," the report added.

The 20ft container will be placed at the back of the store between November 1 and January 31 every year.

Container will not be on view to public

- The Sixfields branch of Marks & Spencer opened in July this year.
- The new food container, which

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Waitrose opens new store

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The new store, in Newport Pagnell Road, Wootton, was opened by the Mayor of Northampton, Les Marriott last Thursday morning.

The 15,000 sq ft store, which is roughly half the size of the firm's branch in Kingsthorpe, has been planned since 2006.

Speaking ahead of the opening, branch manager, Mike Stephenson, said he was confident the new store would be a positive addition to Northampton.

He said: "The buzz in the Wootton area about our opening is fantastic. We're getting very positive feedback from people."

As well as hundreds of products sold in all the major supermarkets, the store will also sell produce made in Northamptonshire, such as bread by Oliver Adams, ice cream by Gallone's, chutneys made by the Corby-based Pickled Village, and cooking oils made by Hargrave company, Farrington's.

Mr Stephenson said:



Mike Stephenson and department manager, Rebecca Amos, at the new Waitrose store in Wootton.

"Local produce is something we really like to promote. We don't just want to take money out of the community, we want to be part of it."

As part of the company's Community Matters scheme, the supermarket will also support charities in Northamptonshire, including Youth Inspired, The Caring and Sharing Trust and a campaign to provide a new roof for the Wootton Memorial Hall.

The store itself employs a total of 155 people.

Mr Stephenson said: "The calibre of applicants we had

was exceptional and the team we've recruited are so enthusiastic about working here and setting up the branch it's been great."

The store's features include a meat and fish counter and in-store iPads on which customers can order items which are not available in the shop.

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Now comes the Spaceback version, which looks simply like the hatch that it is, with nothing resembling a boot peeking out at the back.

In the process, the car sheds some length and a little luggage room, while acquiring a bigger price tag.

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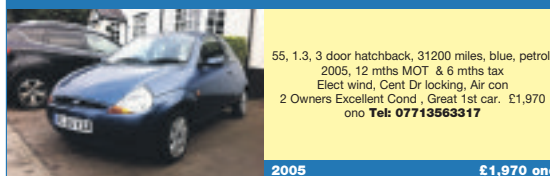
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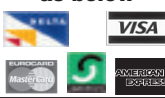
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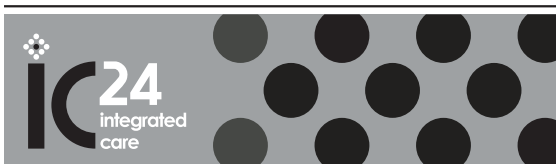


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SPORT

Saints have to up their game

Mallinder: We must improve ahead of Leinster Euro test

RUGBY

Jim Mallinder has warned Saints they must improve significantly if they are to stand a chance of toppling Irish giants Leinster in the Heineken Cup this weekend.

Northampton have won their past seven games in all competitions, keeping themselves in contention on three fronts. But they have been given a tough time by Premiership strugglers in recent weeks, with Newcastle and Worcester putting in plucky performances.

And Mallinder knows his men will need to up their game if they are to compete with a Leinster side they face twice in the space of eight days.

"The mindset will be different for this week," said the director of rugby ahead of Saturday's clash at Franklin's Gardens (ko 6pm).

"There was a job to be done down at Worcester last Saturday. It was the end of this period with all our international players away. We still did have players away, but now we've got everyone back. It's massive. Leinster have so many of that Ireland team so it's going to be massive for us. We certainly need to up our game from how we've played dur-

ing the past couple of weeks."

Saints have had to deal with international absences during the past few weeks, with autumn internationals dominating the European scene. But the focus has now shifted firmly back to the club game and Mallinder is pleased to have all of his big guns back.

"It's not easy and we've found that over the last couple of weeks," he said. "It's about integrating players who've been away and getting that mindset right that you're playing back for your club."

"But we're all back now so we've now got this period where we've got everyone together and hopefully we can make the most of it."

Saints face the toughest of Decembers as the Leinster double header is followed by Premiership games against Wasps and Bath. But they are approaching it with excitement, rather than trepidation.

"We're very happy," said Mallinder. "The last two weeks could have been potential banana skins for us, but we've managed to get through that period and we're pleased with where we are."

"We've now got four massive games: two Heineken Cup back-to-back and two big league games over the Christmas period. It's all to play for for us and it's exciting."



WELCOME RETURN - winger George North will be available for Saints this weekend after returning from a six-week spell of international duty with Wales. North is set to go straight into the Saints team to take on Irish giants Leinster at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday (ko 6pm)

Joe's up for the Cup! New deal for Peters

FORMER Grimsby left-back Joe Widdowson will brief his Cobblers team-mates on exactly what to expect of Blundell Park when the teams meet there in FA Cup second-round action on Saturday (ko 3pm).

Town head to Cleethorpes and the incentive is a possible third-round game against a Premier League club, who enter the competition in Sunday's draw.

Widdowson will start

FOOTBALL

the match at left-back and knows Blundell Park well, having played 58 times for the Mariners after leaving West Ham United in 2009.

They remain the only club he has scored a senior goal for and the 24-year-old said: "It will be a very tricky game and I know Blundell Park can be a very difficult place to play at but we're going into it after a good little

run. The Grimsby fans are quite passionate, it's right by the sea and it can make it a bit blustery at times so we need to be aware of that."

"I think the lads will enjoy a proper Cup tie."

The Cobblers were 1-0 Sky Bet League Two winners over Accrington last Saturday. **BRACKLEY TOWN** are also in FA Cup action as they go to Conference outfit Macclesfield Town on Saturday.

NORTHANTS captain Stephen Peters has put pen to paper on a new two-year contract that chief executive David Smith says is a 'fitting reward' for his work last season.

The 34-year-old opening batsman was on a deal that ran to the end of the 2014 campaign but that has been superseded by fresh terms that tie him to the club until the conclusion of the 2015 season.

Peters' debut year as captain of the County Cham-

CRICKET

pionship side ended with promotion to the top tier being secured and Smith said that this development is well deserved.

He said: "This is a reflection of the season we've just had. Stephen is an integral part of our top order batting - he was the only one to score consistently last season - and he did a very good job as captain."

"He's well respected by everyone, he's enjoying his cricket here and we're all delighted that he will be staying for at least another two years."

Peters said: "I am absolutely delighted to have signed a new contract."

"Last year was superb for all involved with the club. I'm proud to have played a part in that success and look forward to helping the club progress even further in the next couple of years."